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CHURCH PICNIC



Join us for a great
time of fellowship on
Sunday, September 21
at
Saluda Shoals Park
from
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Sponsored by
Men's Ministries

Men's Ministries will provide hamburgers and chips.
If you would like to provide baked beans, slaw, or a dessert,
please indicate that on the form below or let the church office know.
The bus will leave the church at 5 pm for folks needing a ride.
Bring your lawn chair.
Games and activities will be available for children.
Sign-up forms are available at sanctuary entrances or you
can contact Janet in the church office!
Deadline is Wednesday, September 17.

Sunday

9:30 am Library open
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship
5:30 pm Library open
6:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday

4:30 pm Piece Makers
5:30 pm Supper Lines open
6:00 pm Library open
LIGHTHOUSE
Children's Choirs
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
6:45 pm RA's, GA's,
Mission Friends
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir



First Baptist Church of West Columbia is at a critical point in our history and in our transition process—we are seriously preparing for our future leadership. When this goes to print our Pastor Search Committee will be in process as they begin the impossible task, or so it seems.

I want you to pray for our Search Committee, pray that they will be moist clay in God's hands. Pray that they will listen, listen to God, to our church, to one another and to their gut feelings. I believe in gut feelings.

I also want you to encourage our Committee with kind words and gentle nudges. Respect their needs for confidentiality as they deal with families.

Together, we win!
Stand firm,
Don Bishop

SUNDAY'S SERMONS SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

Jody Ratcliffe will be preaching on both services

A.M. "Secure the City" (Nehemiah 2:11-20)

P.M. "We Need Some Cheerleaders" (Hebrews 12:1-3)



Bobby Horton, Chairman
Allan Murray, vice-chairman
Debra Gauden, secretary
Clyde Blackburn Amelia Schafer
Billy Hayes Greg Shepherd
Pray for these folks everyday!

"PASTOR PROFILE"

TRANSITION TEAM REPORT

Sunday, September 28 6 p.m. Burriss Hall

During this meeting, the Transition Team will be sharing the compiled results of the Pastor Profile Survey that was made earlier. Plan to attend this important meeting.

Safety Announcement

Our church is a place of meditation, worship, and spiritual training. When we are here we feel safe and secure as we rightfully should. *Your church staff* wants to warmly remind you that if you need to come to the church after church hours, please enter with watchfulness and diligence. Our church is an inner city church and as it gets cooler, those less fortunate may try to seek refuge in our building. We promise to secure the building before we leave each day, but we do not want any of our dear folks to have a false sense of security when here alone after church hours. By all means, continue to use the building for needed meetings and work, but be mindful of the world just outside the doors even as you are coming and going.



HANDBELLS! Youth and adults interested in playing need to let me know. Whether we have separate groups or ring together depends on the number of ringers, so let me know! Handbells for **children** (grades 3-5) will begin on Wednesday, September 24 at 5:00 p.m.

SANCTUARY CHOIR will be meeting for dinner and a Christmas music preview on Friday evening, September 19, beginning at 6 p.m. If you would like to join us for the Christmas season, we would love to have you!



Our meetings will resume on Thursday, September 18 with reports from our Health Screening and answers to your questions. Some changes are in the works this year.

Paul Bessinger will be supplying our meals for us. We will need to raise our meal price to \$4 (still a good deal!)

TRIPS are in the works for the mountains and Christmas.

Karen Rollison celebrated her 16th anniversary as our church pianist this past Sunday. We are privileged to have her bless us with her keyboard skills as we worship each week. Thank you, Karen for your beautiful contributions to

NEXT TRANSITION TEAM REPORT

SUNDAY, September 14 11a.m.

In Sunday morning worship service, Bobby Horton will deliver a brief report on "Looking at our Denominational/ External Relationships".

September Stewardship Thought

Back to School

Malachi 3:8-10

We're in the beginning of "back to school" days. Administrators, teachers, parents, and students are doing the things needed for a productive and enjoyable year.

The prophet Malachi would understand the back-to-school feeling. He called Israel back, not to school, but to God; but there were important truths he wanted them to remember and practice. The truths were not new.

The people had forgotten them or put them aside, thinking they were unimportant. Malachi knew they were essential in relating to God.

One of those truths focused on giving. "I the Lord do not change.....Return to me, and I will return to you.....Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse.....Test me in this.....and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it" (Mal 3:6-7, 10-11, NIV). Do you need to return to the truth that God wants you to know and practice? Begin now to give a tithe of your income to God through your church. You will be learning and living as God instructs us. He will be pleased, and you will be blessed!



I want to announce the beginning of a new Sunday School Class! Our College and Young Singles had their first meeting Sunday. Three students came from the community. They came and enjoyed breakfast on us and then got the class off to a great

start. I want to thank Jim Schafer and Larry and Anne Brown for providing and cooking. Our church must reach this age demographic and there are lots of creative ideas to come to see that we do. There are ways you can be involved in this ministry if God is leading you.

Big News: Discipleship Training Set to Begin

I strongly believe in a *secondary church wide ministry* that reaches specific age and situational demographics. In addition to Sunday School, I want to offer during each Fall and Spring separate Discipleship Training Classes. I am working with David Ness, our DT Director to establish these. Below is our first semester of classes.

Children (Grade 1-Grade 5): "I'm a Christian Now" to be led by Sallie Bozard

Youth (Grade 6-Grade 12): "Bible Navigators" to be led by Joyce Gunter

Marriage Couples (of all ages!): "The Time-Starved Marriage" led by Jody and Melanie Ratcliffe

These classes will begin on September 28 and start at 6pm. Childcare will be provided for those attending "The Time-Starved Marriage." I expect to see many families made spiritually stronger as a result of these unique stud-



**CHRISTMAS
IN AUGUST**

Our GA group is participating in Christmas in August. Please bring you contributions to the church office by September 17. A list of desired items in on the bulletin board near the office.

If you have questions, please contact Julie Barfield or Cheryl Simpson.



Lighthouse Student Ministries **Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation**

We are continuing our Wednesday night discussions on "Taming the Beast...inside your mouth." We will focus this week on how to use your tongue to build other people up, the bless them, and to correctly praise our Father in Heaven. We will be talking about honesty, character, and promise making. Our Sunday School is growing! We have faithful teachers that truly love teenagers and this is making the biggest difference.

Our Biggest News!

On September 28, at 6pm we will begin Bible Navigators for all youth Grades 6-12. This 10 week course will teach us each book of the Bible, where to find them from Genesis to Revelation, and key verses to locate when the need arises. For the youth of today, this is a critical need and our church must meet this need. Many in the teen years cannot tell me the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament or where they are located. These students are the Christians of tomorrow and the church leaders for younger generations so they must be equipped properly.

S.N.A.C is Back

Beginning October 5, we will begin our fellowship oriented Sunday Night After Church again. We will leave from the church directly after evening class and grab supper together at a local restaurant or fast food venue. This is for our youth Grades 6-12 and you will need to bring about \$5.00 each time. We will be back at the church at 8:15pm. Parents are encouraged to come to observe our youth interact with one another.

Jody

MATTER OF FACT

The year 1978 begins with the Tie-Binder again published every week. It was bi-weekly in 1977.

CAMILLE GRAHAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION PICNIC

Saturday, September 13, 2008

Remember to bring your food to the church by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 13 for transport to the picnic. Contact Ann Waldrop if you have questions.

Prayer Walking Schedule

All Sunday School Classes, as you look forward to experiencing this new method of praying for our church and community, please check to dates below to get ready. A Prayer Walking Leader will arrive in your class at 9:45am to take your class on a guided prayer walk through the church building and on the church grounds.

September 14

Middle School Youth led by Anne Brown

High School Youth led by Jim Shealy

Adult 2: Young Married Couples led by Clyde Blackburn

Adult 3: Co-Ed led by Billy Hayes

September 21

Adult 4: Rainbow Class led by Anne Brown

Adult 5: Faithful Class led by Clyde Blackburn

Adult 6 led by Janice Shealy

All Sunday School Leaders not previously included led by Jim Shealy

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
September 14-20, 2008**

Sunday, September 14
 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. B P Screening
 9:30 a.m. Library Open
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee
 5:00 p.m. Deacons
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, September 15
 7:30-10:30 a.m. Health Screening

Tuesday September 16
 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise

Wednesday, September 17
 4:30 p.m. Piece Makers
 5:30 p.m. Supper Line Opens
 Library opens
 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
LIGHTHOUSE
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
 6:45 p.m. RA's, GA's,
 Mission Friends
 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 18
 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
 11:00 a.m. Best Yet to Come

Saturday, September 20
 2:00 p.m. Martha Hawthorne Group
 at Twilite Manor

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES
September 14, 2008**

HEALTH MINISTRY
 Brenda Brown

EXT. TEACHING CARE
 Coordinator: Renee Shaffer

11:00 a.m. Worship
Babies and Ones
 Jill and Nick Zueger

Twos and Threes
 Anne and Larry Brown

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Snyder Building
 Ann and Mike Jeffcoat

Burriss Building
 Gerry Berry and Vivian Summer

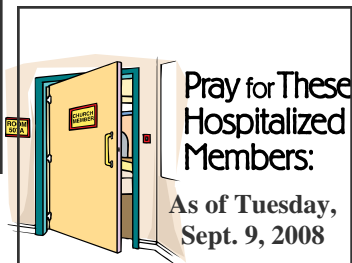
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 Virginia and Jack Hill

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 Rich Wandover

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Health South
 Mertie Lee

Lex. Medical Center
 Rodney Summers
 Janie Peake

**REMEMBER OUR
 TRANSITION TEAM
 IN PRAYER**

Bob Hazel Bob Price
 Jack Hill Greg Shepherd
 Terry Smith

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Served from 5:30-6:00 p.m. in Burriss Hall
 Deadline for reservations and cancellations
 is noon Monday.



September 17
 BBQ Sandwich
 Baked Beans
 Slaw
 Rolls and Dessert

Adults (10 & Up) \$5.00 Children (5-9) \$3.00
 Children 4 & under FREE

Name _____

Number of Adults _____

Number of Children (5-9) _____

Number of Preschoolers (under 4) _____

Make this a permanent reservation _____

Pray every day for our church!